

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/090,457

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on October 12, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 31-46 (renumbered as 1-16).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 04 March 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. McClung (reg. No. 29,008) on March 4, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 26-30.

Claim 31, line 1, delete "claim 26" in insert ----claim 45---- in front of "wherein".

Claim 32, line 1, delete "claim 26" in insert ----claim 45---- in front of "wherein".

Claim 33, line 1, delete "claim 26" in insert ----claim 45---- in front of "wherein".

Claim 34, line 1, delete "claim 26" in insert ----claim 45---- in front of "wherein".

Claim 43, line 1, delete "claim 26" in insert ----claim 45---- in front of "wherein".

Claim 44, line 1, delete "claim 26" in insert ----claim 45---- in front of "further".

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 31-46 are allowed (renumbered as 1-16).
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: many references in the art disclose a signage system for a parking lot comprising visually-

identifiable boundary markers, the signage system comprising a sign means at the boundary of the markers, wherein the sign means being visually viewable by an occupant of a vehicle adjacent the boundary markers, such that found in Wilson, Sr. (US 5,947,635). The prior art of record does not teach or suggest, in the claimed combination, a signage system for a traffic area, the traffic area comprising visually-identifiable boundary markers, the signage system comprising signal means on parking space lines comprising boundary markers for defining parking space; an interaction apparatus at the parking area for providing communication between a vehicle occupant at the traffic area and a person remote from the traffic area and wherein the sign means includes at least one electronic display for presenting information to a person at the traffic area.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Cabrera et al. (US 6,576,074), Conde (US 4,535,974), and Davis (US 3,788,755).

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tai T. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2961. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30am-5:00pm..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel J. Wu can be reached on (571) 272-2964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Nguyen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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March 4, 2005